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Foam Insulated Fuel Tank For:

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## Dear Sir:

In response to the final Examiner's Action mailed 06/14/2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 09/14/2002, and a two-month period for an Advisory Action set for 08/14/02, the above-identified patent application is amended as follows:

## AMENDMENT AF (37 C.F.R. § 1.111)

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please re-write the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An aboveground storage tank for flammable and combustible liquids having secondary containment capability, comprising:

an inner primary tank for storing the liquid;

an outer secondary tank encasing said inner primary tank defining an interstitial area therebetween:

an insulating foam material disposed of in the interstitial area; and

a fire resistant polymer material sandwiched between the foam material and the outer secondary tank so that a fire resistant composite comprised of insulating foam and fire resistant polymer material encases the inner primary tank.

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